

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Lake County, Colorado?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Possibly

Possibly; City of Leadville may require a city business license for operations within city limits; confirm with City of Leadville

SALES CAP

Tiered

COLORADO RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Colorado permits PDF](#)[Colorado cottage food law page](#)[Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment cottage food program](#)[Statute: C.R.S. §25-4-1614](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Lake County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Lake County, Colorado. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Possibly

LOCAL HEALTH

False

BUSINESS LICENSE

Possibly; City of Leadville may require a city business license for operations within city limits; confirm with City of Leadville

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

True

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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Colorado permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/colorado.pdf>

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Lake County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/colorado/lake-county>

Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Colorado registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Products cannot be resold; producers must sell directly to consumers but may designate a representative to sell on their behalf. Sales through restaurants or retail stores are not permitted, though the health department may allow direct sales at those locations on a case-by-case basis.

Colorado permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/colorado.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/colorado

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cottage-foods>

Statute: [C.R.S. §25-4-1614](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Possibly. Colorado cottage food law does not require a local permit. Lake County encompasses the City of Leadville (only incorporated municipality). Leadville may have city zoning provisions on home-based businesses. Producers should verify with Lake County or City of Leadville whether a home occupation permit is needed.

Planning: <https://www.lakecountyco.com/planning>

Health

False. Complaint-based only per state law (C.R.S. §25-4-1614)

Health: <https://www.lakecountyco.com/public-health>

Business license

Possibly; City of Leadville may require a city business license for operations within city limits; confirm with City of Leadville

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Retail food licenses are local. Colorado cottage foods cannot be sold in a retail food establishment as an approved source. A commissary is a retail food establishment licensed by the local public health agency.

Official source: [CDPHE retail food](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.lakecountyco.com/246/Retail-Food>

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

SOURCES

<https://www.lakecountycolorado.com/public-health>

<https://www.lakecountycolorado.com/planning>

<https://www.lakecountycolorado.com>

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods>

<https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/cottage-foods-checklist.pdf>

Lake County and nearby places

Regulation	Lake County	Pitkin County	Park County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True	True	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False	False	False
PETS ALLOWED	No specific county rule; state guidance recommends pets excluded from food prep area during production	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies	No specific county rule; standard CO cottage food applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	False	Upon-complaint only	Upon-complaint only
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True	True	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Not regulated at state level; local home occupation rules may restrict signage	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale	No specific county restriction found; state disclaimer placard required at point of sale
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales only; product must be sold in Colorado; cannot sell to restaurants or grocery stores	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)	Direct-to-consumer only; no wholesale; may sell from residence, farmers markets, online (CO only)
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Possibly	Likely; verify with Pitkin County Community Development	Likely; verify with Park County Planning
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Possibly; City of Leadville may require a city business license for operations within city limits; confirm with City of Leadville	Possibly; verify with Pitkin County and City of Aspen	Possibly; verify with Park County Clerk
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food safety storage per C.R.S. §25-4-1614; all products must be non-potentially hazardous (non-refrigerated)	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found	Standard sanitary storage; no additional county requirement found
POPULATION	7,403	17,325	17,597

More pages for this place

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